

Venus Laments.

In the old Arcadian days,
In times of love and joy's lays,
When maidens were right quickly wooed
And when the muse was not a pride;
The age was gold and gold man's creed,
But gold meant then true love, not greed.
For all the gold that glittered there
Shone in a maiden's yellow hair,
And never a miser there was less
Some one treasured a maiden's kiss,
And so men lived and laughed and sung
In the simple days when hearts were young.
But past are days of golden joy,
There comes an age of base alloy,
And now men turn with all avidity
From gentle Cupid to capidity. —Life.

Late Foreign Items.

The Prince of Wales started the Jubilee yacht race.

The Ghilzais have again routed the Ameer of Afghanistan.

A report from Rome says Dr. McGlynn has been excommunicated.

The Pope has offered to mediate between Germany and France.

The low prices of tobacco have caused much distress in Virginia.

A tin mill has been founded in Hubbard, Ohio, the first in the United States.

The force sent by the Ameer of Afghanistan to punish the Ghilzai rebels, has been defeated.

The autumn maneuvers of the German army are to commence in East Prussia about the 6th of September.

Settlers on the Minnabago and Crow Creek Reservations have resolved to go away quietly, but to return when the troops leave.

The Northern Pacific Railroad has consummated the sale of 200,000 acres of timber land in the eastern part of Minnesota, northwest of Duluth.

A case of leprosy is reported from Louisville. The patient is John Hastings, thirty years old, who, it is said, contracted the disease at Honolulu.

The table upon which Alexander von Humboldt wrote "Cosmos" will be taken to America by Dr. Hickenberg, an American pastor at Berlin.

Local pride has at last determined the New York Yacht Club to build a boat to compete for the honor of racing against Thistle for America's Cup.

Gabriel von Bulow, the last surviving child of William von Humboldt, was buried at Berlin. The Royal family was represented at the funeral.

An effort is being in Los Angeles to establish a home for friendless boys. Fifty boys have been sent from that city to the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society in San Francisco within the past year.

A dispatch from Vienna says that the Queen of Serbia has separated from her husband, King Milan, and returned to her family in Russia. Political and domestic differences are the grounds given for the separation.

On a recent Sunday, while people were waiting at the Los Angeles depot for the train to take them to Santa Monica, a pickpocket, got in the crowd and cleaned up \$380 by cutting gentlemen's coat pockets with some kind of an instrument.

A statement was filed the County Clerk's office of New York showing that the Directors of the Western Union Telegraph Company, by a two-thirds vote, had increased the capital stock \$1,200,000, making a total capital of \$81,200,000.

A torpedo exploded under the torpedo launch Hall, April 19th, at Annapolis, in the harbor, and sank her in one minute and a half. Ensign Muir was in charge, and several naval cadets were on board, but they were all taken off in safety by an oyster-man.

Superintendent of the Coast Survey has recently been called to encroachments being made by wharves and other structures upon the waters of San Diego Bay, which has been a railroad terminus and is rapidly growing in importance. The Superintendent directed Assistant Superintendent Rogers, now in that section to make a careful examination and physical study of the probable effects of these structures.

One of the most recent of inventions is the chirocycle, a machine designed to take the place of velocipedes and other vehicles for children. It is propelled by a crank, and is far more durable and useful, it is said, than the bicycle. A factory for its manufacture has recently been established at Oxford, Mass. The topographical meter, which records automatically the topography and difference of level of all places over which it passes, is a recent invention of a Parisian.

California raises seriously interfered with the sale of Malaga raisins the past year, as the accompanying statistics testify: The shipment from Malaga to the United States from the opening of the season to March 31st were 431,224 boxes, against 553,733 boxes the same time last year, showing a decrease of 122,509 boxes. On the 17th inst. the market was reported there as lifeless, with the stock remaining in Malaga at 103,000 boxes and in the country some 30,000 to 40,000 boxes additional, the latter chiefly American grades.

The Ottawa Globe referring to Lord Salisbury's proposition for the settlement of the fishery question, says: "It consists in giving everything to the United States and in disgracing and dishonoring the people of this country as they could never be disgraced and dishonored by manfully defending their rights even to the point of war. The offer of the Tory Premier is cowardly, despicable and treacherous to Canada, and should it be ratified by the Dominion Parliament, it will never again be possible to assert the right to exclude American fishermen from our inshore waters."

PACIFIC COAST ITEMS.

Salmon fishing is improving on the Columbia.

The Colusa County Jail is empty for the first time in many years.

A narrow-gauge railroad from Petaluma to Sebastopol is considered assured.

The Canadian Pacific has begun to carry sugar from the Pacific Coast to St. Paul at much lower rates than those which prevail on American lines.

Successful experiments have been made with a natural gas well at Livermore. An effort will be made to utilize the gas.

Mrs. J. Fenton of Los Angeles was fatally burned while trying to light a fire with coal oil.

The Grand View Hotel at Montevia was sold for \$50,000, to two New York parties.

Tombstone is rejoicing over the rich strike of the Emerald mine on the 500-level. A 6-foot ledge was struck, assaying over \$200 per ton.

Forest fires near Astoria, Or., have done great damage. Several narrow escapes are reported, and it is feared some of the interior settlers may have perished.

The freight received at the St. Helena depot during the month of June amounted to 1,171,340 pounds, and the outgoing to 1,538,840. Total freight handled 2,710,180 pounds.

A fire in Chinatown at Los Angeles Saturday night, July 23, burned about twenty-five stores with their contents.

There is heavy travel to Oregon. The California and Oregon road-bed has been finished up to within eight miles of the line from Portland, and this small gap will soon be closed. Six 6-horse stage coaches run between the end of the track daily to accommodate the passenger travel.

Close of the Eventful Career of the Celebrated Stage Founder.

Ben. Holladay, the noted cattle-raiser and stage and express owner, died at St. Vincent's Hospital, Portland, Or., recently. He was in very bad health when he entered the hospital, and stated that he never expected to recover. On June 25th he returned from Washington to Portland, and was then suffering from the effects of a broken arm, the result of an accident. This, it is said, rendered his recovery less hopeful. Holladay's name was prominently associated with overland stage and express business prior to the construction of the overland railroads. He was born in Missouri, and began his career as a stock-raiser. It was by his connection in 1859-60 with the establishment of a line of coaches from Council Bluffs to California that he first came into national prominence. He was aged 68 years.

Some Fast Ships.

Some remarkably fast vessels, both for war and passenger service, have recently been built in England. The former, however, though built in England, are not for the British navy. The swiftest craft yet turned out of an English dockyard—and probably the swiftest constructed anywhere up to the present—are three torpedo boats supplied to Spain, Italy and China. The Chinese craft is the slowest of these, but her speed is 23.8 knots. The Italian torpedo makes 25 knots. These two boats are about 130 feet long by 13 feet beam, and are equipped with torpedo guns fore and aft. But the swiftest craft of all is the torpedo boat built by Thordycroft for the Spanish Government, which is said to have made the extraordinary speed of 29.01 knots, or somewhat more than 33 miles an hour. The fastest craft in the English navy is the Stiletto, whose speed ranges from 22.12 knots in a rough sea to 22.89 knots with all the conditions favorable. Thus, the Stiletto holds the fourth place among torpedo boats. She is smaller, however, than those mentioned above, being only 90 feet in length, and therefore most difficult to hit.

The passenger steamer, the Queen Victoria, intended to ply between Liverpool and Douglas, Isle of Man, has been built at Greenock. On her trial trip, which was made in the teeth of a heavy gale, she averaged 22 1/2 knots—equal to 25 1/2 miles an hour. The Cunarder Umbria's voyage beat the transatlantic record, with an average of 13 1/2 knots, making the distance in six days, four hours and twelve minutes. At the speed attained by the Queen Victoria, the Atlantic could be crossed in four days and eighteen hours.

Until quite lately the steamers plying between Dover and Calais have been regular tubes, equally noted for slowness and discomfort. The other day, however, a couple of vessels were placed on the line which make the channel passage a very different affair from what it used to be. These steamers are large and commodious, and they cross the straits, a distance of twenty-two and a half miles, under the hour. When vessels are designed only for the carriage of mails and passengers, and in the construction of which no arrangements have been made for the disposal of freight, it is evident that no difficulty will be found in surpassing these rates of speed. —New Orleans Times-Democrat.

The Canadian Pacific steamer Abyssinia, Captain Marshall, the pioneer of the line, arrived at Yokohama on July 7th on her return journey from Vancouver, having accomplished the journey from Yokohama to Canada and back in thirty-eight days, including a stoppage of seven days in Vancouver.

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This is what the good doctor and kind friends say time and again to those whose nerves are all unstrung, worn out with labor and care, sleepless nights, poor appetites, unable to digest the little they do eat, and a general miserableness all over.

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Keep Quiet a Few Days.

What then are you to do? To go on seems certain death. And drop all cares you cannot; the road looks dark, but 'tis before day. Will and determination have much to do with our existence. Never give up. Study to find where you have gone astray. Nature the hardest, and abandon all things possible that do you harm. Yet you will find it necessary at times to depend on a good reliable medicine to help you out. Hops are a good nerve and tonic; Podopholin a cathartic and liver regulator; Buchu acts on the kidneys and urinary organs. These, properly combined with other ingredients, have proved the greatest medicine ever prepared, and known throughout the world as Hop Bitters.

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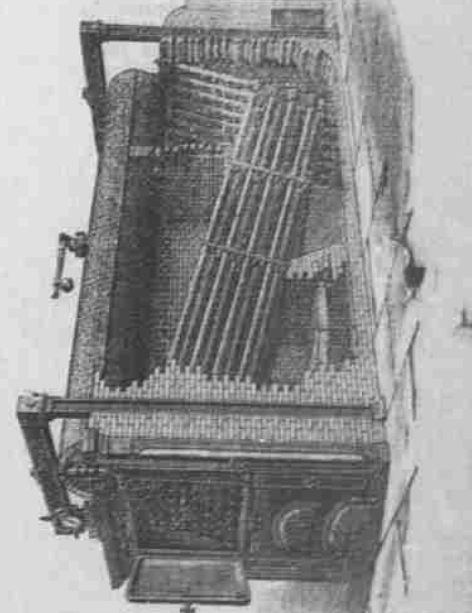
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